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### ***SBA ADMINISTRATOR NAMES NEW YORK ATTORNEY DAVID JAVDAN AS GENERAL COUNSEL***

**WASHINGTON** – David A. Javdan, an accomplished lawyer with a background in finance and a long history of public service, was selected as general counsel of the U.S. Small Business Administration, SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto announced today.

**“With the appointment of David Javdan, we bring to America’s small businesses an individual with both Wall Street savvy and common sense solutions to the issues that face us,”** Administrator Barreto said. **“Given his long history of dedication to public service, I know that he will bring a strong sense of purpose to the job.”**

As general counsel, Javdan will serve as the principal legal adviser to Administrator Barreto and the agency’s senior staff on issues involving the development and execution of SBA policies and programs and interpretation of the legislative intent of Congress.

**“President Bush and Administrator Barreto have set forth a compelling vision for the SBA, and I look forward to doing my part to help make that vision a reality,”** Javdan said. **“Small businesses are the heart and soul of America and a driving force in our economy.”**

For the past eight years, Javdan has served as an attorney in the New York office of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP. His focus has been on regulatory law, helping to eliminate the burdens created by overlapping and conflicting international, national and state jurisdictions. He also served as counsel to one of Europe’s largest banking groups.

Javdan established his first small business when he was 15 and served as counsel to his family’s real estate business and his father’s medical practice.

Javdan has been dedicated to the cause of bringing justice to Holocaust survivors. He served for several years as *pro bono* special counsel to the New York State Senate. He represented the Austrian Jewish community in negotiations before the U.S. Departments of State and Justice. Javdan has helped found and counsel *pro bono* a number of community and charitable organizations, including the JED Foundation, a national organization dedicated to college suicide prevention and the Iranian American Jewish Federation.

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Javdan earned his bachelor's degree from Columbia College, New York, NY, in American Government and International Relations and his juris doctor from Fordham University School of Law.

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